

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT GREENEVILLE**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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vs.	)	No. 2:19CR-00096
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ANTHONY NATHAN SMITH	)	

**MEMORANDUM BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT’S  
MOTION NO. 2 TO SUPPRESS EVIDENCE OBTAINED IN VIOLATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

Pursuant to the Fourth Amendment of The United States Constitution, individuals are protected from law enforcement’s execution of unreasonable searches and seizures on their person, their homes, and their effects - warrantless searches and seizures “are *per se* unreasonable . . . subject only to a few specifically established and well delineated exceptions.” Katz v. United States, 389 U.S. 347, 357 (1967). If an officer fails to have a warrant or satisfy one of the warrant exceptions, their discovery must be suppressed as “fruits of [an illegal search].” Wong Sun v. United States, 371 U.S. 471, 83 S. Ct. 407 (1963).

Because the Bristol, Virginia policeman searched Mr. Smith’s backpack without a warrant and without his consent, the prosecution bears the burden of proving that the search thereof is within some specifically established and well delineated exception to a warrant requirement. Mr. Smith submits that the circumstances do not permit the warrantless search of his backpack on October 9, 2018.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons aforesaid, Mr. Smith submits that law enforcement officers violated his constitutional rights on October 9, 2018, by conducting a warrantless search of his backpack. Therefore, Mr. Smith respectfully requests a suppression of the evidence found pursuant to that unconstitutional search, and requests an evidentiary hearing before this Court.

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This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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